

EPC Minutes April 10, 2023

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1) Hearing from Shelly Laurenzo regarding Verto

- What is the Verto program?
 - It is a third party organization who W&M has an agreement with.
 - Students who have been waitlisted in the fall may chose one of two pathways to join W&M in the spring.
 - One of these options is to do a semester with Verto in the fall semester and then transition in during the spring.
- There is confusion as to what Verto does not count for the COLL 300 requirement.
 - Should Coll 300s count or not count is what Shelly is hoping to hear about from EPC.
 - There is confusion regarding whether COLL 300 credits can be satisfied by students having taken non-W&M study abroad.
 - This is currently possible so long as it was a legitimate study abroad experience.
 - Students can submit a petition and share the syllabus and information about the program to meet the COLL 300 requirements.
- Verto brought in 70 students last year. The students are taking a full-time amount of credits at one of three locations in Europe. To ensure academic rigor, administrators are able to review syllabi from other institutions. The courses they receive are then assigned a certain equivalency to another W&M course. Students are also required to have a certain level of gpa.
- We decided to work with Verto in order to strengthen our admittances because only those who have been waitlisted can be provided this opportunity.
- Faculty who teach these programs are only from NewHaven.
- Do we have evidence that these study abroad experiences are actually required to go through the work which is entailed in a COLL 300.
 - There is no faculty body and no administrative structure to support reviewing whether the COLL 300 requirements are met through the Verto program.
 - Could we create a class that these students can take after arriving at W&M in the spring which provides them an opportunity to reflect on their experience and become integrated with the broader W&M community.
- We could figure out a better way to implement a similar system for Verto as what is currently being implemented for a third-party study abroad.
- Students are all told that currently Verto does not count for the COLL 300 requirement.
- Why does W&M believe the three specific programs within Verto are particularly effective?
 - Based on students' experience in the first year, it was determined those were the most effectively managed.
- Some of the classes they take within Verto fulfill proficiencies but not any other COLL classes.
- EPC discussion indicates the committee would like to see VERTO students to receive COLL 300 credit. Recognizing there is no current mechanism/structure to make this happen, these discussions will be ongoing with the Dean's office.

2) Minutes from April 3, 2023 meeting - approved

3) Consent calendar approved, in the future we will continue to do spot checking across courses to create greater efficiency in our work.

DELINK - HIST 499 - Tuska Benes (HIST - Internship)		Delinking
DELINK - KINE 305, 311 - Ashleigh Everhardt Queen (KINE labs)		Delinking
DELINK - PHYS 155, 255, 355, 455 - Irina Novikova (PHYS - Labs)		Delinking
DELINK - PHYS 251-252, 351 - Irina Novikova (Physics -Advanced Labs)		Delinking
DELINK - PHYS 352 - Irina Novikova (PHYS - Labs)		Delinking
DELINK - PHYS101L, 102L, 107L, 108L - Irina Novikova (PHYS -Labs)		Delinking
DELINK - SOCL 498-499 Internship - Jennifer Bickham Mendez (SOCL - Internship)		Delinking
HIST - 312 - D.C.: History With a Twist COLL	350	Delinking
Linguistics – Linguistics	Curriculum change	
MSCI - 498 - Ethics in Epidemiology	COLL 300	Delinking
Proposal has crosslistings.*		
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*With suggestion to add COLL language to syllabus

4) Further discussion:

- PUBP - 390- Competition of the Century: China's Belt and Road Initiative vs. the G-7's Global Partnership for Infrastructure and Investment

There is concern that both the speakers come from a U.S. background and perspective.

- APSC - 345 - Lipids: From Biochemistry to Diseases and Applications

Ben will contact the instructor and department about next steps.

Adjourned at 1:48

– minutes submitted by Max Berckmueller